

May 8.

STRUCK IT RICH.**Sch. Arthur D. Story Has Best Georges Trip for a Long Time.**

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Capt. William Sloane, of this port, arrived this morning from a Georges handline trip with one of the finest fares from that ground for many days, having 40,000 pounds of salt cod and 3500 pounds of fresh halibut.

The vessel left here less than a month ago, but had to wait a long time for her bait, which she finally secured on April 24, and then sailed for Georges bank. Here they struck the finest kind of fishing and profited accordingly. The vessel was only eight days on the bank and the crew fished five days out of that, and in that time picked up the splendid fare above recorded, which shows that there must have been a good school of codfish in the spot where the lines were put over.

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Newfoundland Ice Conditions.

The department of marine at Ottawa has instructed Capt. Belanger of the government steamer Montcalm to report daily to the Sydney board of trade the ice conditions in Cabot straits. The report received recently states that there is no ice on the Cape Breton coast, but a light open field of ice at Cape Ray, Newfoundland, but at present not sufficient to impede navigation to the St. Lawrence.

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SHELL FISH PRESERVES.**Proposition To Set Aside Tidewater Flats for This Purpose.**

The legislative committee on fish and game, backed by the fish and game commission, have a proposition for the state to make some money, by setting apart tidewater flats for shell-fish preserves, and issuing grants to fishermen to work them. It is stated that the state of Connecticut has an income of \$100,000 annually from its preserves, and Louisiana a goodly sum. The year has so far progressed and the project is so involved that it may have to be referred to a recess committee.

Representative McIntire of this city is one of the supporters of the measure and has been putting in some work on the proposition.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Gladiator, St. Peters Bank, 15,000 lbs. halibut, 5000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Albert W. Black, shore, 27,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Benj. A. Smith, shore.
Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Georges, 30,000 lbs. fresh cusk, 5000 lbs. salt cod, 8000 lbs. halibut.

Today's Fish Market.

Round pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; gutted 80 cents.
Bank halibut 10 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. per lb. for gray.
Salt bank cod, large \$3.75, mediums, \$3.
Salt Rips, cod, large, \$4, mediums, \$3; snapper \$2.
Salt Georges cod, large \$4.00, mediums, \$3.00.
Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2; mediums, \$1.50; Cape North cod, large, \$1.87 1-2; medium, \$1.37 1-2; Peak cod large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 75 to 80 cts.

Boston.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 8000 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. Mattakeset, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod, 8000 hake.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Rose Standish, 8000 cod.
Sch. Quonnapowitt, 45,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 3000 hake, 15,000 cusk, 1000 halibut.
Sch. Galatea, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Raymah, 25,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 7000 hake, 400 halibut.
Sch. Walter P. Godhart, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Motor, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Helena, 900 haddock, 600 cod.
Haddock, \$2 to \$2.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$2; market cod, \$1.65; cusk, \$2.50; pollock, \$1.75; hake, 50 cents to \$3.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Carl Adams is fitting sch. Essex for a fitted halibut trip.
Capt. Dominick Amoro is fitting sch. Muriel for a Cape North trip.

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TEN KNOCKABOUTS**Now in Process of Construction at Various Shipyards.****Handy Comfortable Type Popular with the Fishermen.**

The knockabout type of fisherman, which has proved so successful, and of which Thomas F. McManus of Boston is originator, is fast being adopted by many well-known skippers out of this city and Boston, and already there are ten vessels under construction at various shipyards in East Boston, this city, Essex, and in Nova Scotia.

At Shelburne, N. S., the latter part of last month, sch. Kernwood was launched from the yard of Joseph McGill, for I. A. Lovett of Yarmouth, N. S. She is of the knockabout type and registered 83 1-2 tons gross, and when finished will engage in the fishery in Canadian waters.

E. A. Malone of Atlantic avenue, Boston, has just given Designer McManus an order for a 65-ton knockabout which will be built for Capt. Charles Ding, at present in the Metacomet, one of the most successful vessels now engaged in the shore fishery.

The keel of the semi-knockabout fishing schooner for Capt. Sylvester Whalen has been laid at Story's yard at Essex, and she will be of 100 tons when ready for sea, the largest out of T wharf, with the exception of sch. Regina.

Two knockabouts for Boston parties are now being built at Bishop's yard in this city and Tarr & James of Essex are at work on a vessel which is practically a knockabout.

May 9.

MACKEREL FIGURES.**Comparison of Fresh Catch to Date for Past Ten Years.****Vessels at Fulton Market Wednesday Counted Out Well.**

Sch. Lena and Maud, Capt. John Grady, shipped 11 barrels of fresh mackerel to New York yesterday afternoon, presumably from Delaware breakwater.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date for the past ten years is as follows: 1898, 1162 barrels; 1899, 1824 barrels; 1900, 11,661 barrels; 1901, 14,444 barrels; 1902, 29,057 barrels; 1903, 19,404 barrels; 1904, 9931 barrels; 1905, 5551 barrels; 1906, 4561 barrels; 1907, 6581 barrels; 1908, 4466 barrels.

The seining fleet already sailed, together with the few now fitting, numbers 70 sail. Thus far 29 of them have been to market, landing 44 trips.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date are 24,574 fares against 41,780 barrels at this time last year.

Returns from the mackerel fares landed at Fulton market on Wednesday indicate that about half the medium brought 18 cents each and the other half 16 cents. The small mackerel sold for 10 cents each.

The reports show that the fares held up well to their tails. Sch. Theodore Roosevelt had 22,000, sch. Elizabeth Silsbee 16,202, sch. Norma, 11,800 and sch. Saladin 18,000. A recent telegram also says that sch. Logomar counted out 37,000 fish by far the biggest fare of the season.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Raymah, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Pontiac, via Boston.

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Bank halibut 10 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. per lb. for gray.
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Boston.

Sch. Albert W. Black, 200 haddock, 6000 cod, 15,000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Buema, 20,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Haddock, \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.75; hake, 70 cts. to \$2.50; cusk, \$1.60.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. William Williams will fit sch. Dora A. Lawson for salt bank dory handlining.
Capt. Winslow is fitting sch. Valkyrie for salt bank dory handlining.
Sch. Pontiac was towed from Boston yesterday afternoon. Capt. Enos Nickerson will fit here for seining.
Sch. Catherine Burke arrived at Canso on Wednesday.
Schs. Selma, Vera, Waldo L. Stream and Ella M. Goodwin, seeking bait, arrived at Port Hawkesbury, C. B., on Wednesday.
Sch. George Campbell of this port was reported at North Sydney, C. B., on Wednesday with 60,000 pounds of salt cod.

May 11.

FIRST NETTER IN.**Sch. Actor at New York Today with 160 Mackerel.****Reports Fished with Six Others Off Barnegat Tuesday.**

The netting sch. Actor, Capt. Frank Nolan, of this port arrived at Fulton Market, New York, this forenoon, with the first mackerel netting fare of the season. The Actor had 160 bloater mackerel.

Capt. Nolan reports getting his fish Tuesday night, off Barnegat, and reports that six others of the netting fleet were there.

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FRENCH BANKER BURNED.**Tenth Vessel of French Fleet Lost This Spring.****On Off and Landed at Pierre, Miq.**

The three-masted French fishing sch. Gascogne, of Focamp, has been burned on the bank recently. The crew reached St. Pierre on sch. Eagle, another of the French fleet. No loss of life resulted from the fire, although several of the men in the fore-castle had narrow escapes. Two days before the craft burned, two of the crew were drowned by overturning of a dory. This is the tenth vessel of the French fleet lost this season nine having been lost in the gales of March 21 and 22. Their crews were all saved and have been sent back to France.

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AGAINST STEAM TRAWLING.**Nova Scotia Fishermen Believe It Injures the Fisheries.**

A station of the Fishermen's Union was established at Canso, N. S., recently when Organizer D. S. Scott spoke strongly of the necessity of such associations to guard the interests of the fishermen. James Meagher was elected president, and Alex. Keating, secretary-treasurer. Strong recommendations and protests are being forwarded to the marine and fisheries department praying that the use of steam trawler and drags be prohibited in territorial waters of Canada. The union claim it would be injurious to individual fishermen.

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Found Good Fishing.

The Riverport, N. S., banker Oregon, Capt. Creaser, has landed 400 quintals of cod at Halifax. The captain says he never found fish more plentiful and lack of bait alone prevented loading the vessel. He took 100 quintals a day for four days.

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Western Halibut.

There is quite a lot of Pacific halibut on the market and 18 cars are reported on the way.

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Sch. Ralph Russell, Rips, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Edward A. Rich, Rips, 28,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. John M. Keen, Rips, 9000 lbs. fresh cod.
Steamer Ethier, shore, 22,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Bessie A., shore, 6000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Mystery, shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Lydia F., 12,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Pet, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.

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Boston.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 5000 cod.
Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 5500 haddock, 2000 cod, 8000 hake, 5000 cusk.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 1000 cod, 55,000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Emilia Enos, 1500 haddock, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 3000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Georgianna, 2000 cod.
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 5000 cod.
Sch. Little Fannie, 12,000 pollock.
Sch. Sheffeyld, 4000 cod.
Sch. Alcina, 24,000 cod.
Sch. Stranger, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Almeida, 13,000 cod.
Sch. Manhasset, 60,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 20,000 cusk.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 6000 haddock, 7000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Rose Dorothea, 20,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.
Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Esther Gray, 3000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Yankee, 2000 haddock, 17,000 cod.
Sch. Azorean, 4000 cod.
Sch. Morning Star, 2000 cod.
Sch. Dorothy, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Angie B. Watson, 5000 cod, 20,000 hake, 13,000 cusk.
Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2 to \$2.50; market cod, \$1.60 to \$1.75; large hake, \$2.50; pollock, \$1.10; cusk, \$2.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. W. H. Moody, one of the Georges handline fleet, is at Portland today with 10,000 pounds of halibut and sch. Carrie C. is also there with 2000 lbs. of halibut.
Sch. Marion Turner was at Portland Friday with 35,000 lbs. of pollock.
Sch. Fannie Hayden was also there with 45,000 lbs. of fresh fish. Sch. Juniata was there for harbor.
Capt. John J. Carroll is fitting sch. Massachusetts for a fished halibut trip.

May 12.

Bait Scarce at Provincetown.

Bait is scarce at Provincetown. Sch. Emily Sears came back from there this morning and reports quite a fleet left there yesterday for the eastward in search of bait.

Bait.

Alewives are plenty at Edgartown.

May 12.

CONSULAR AGENT AT BAY OF ISLANDS NEEDED.

The Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star, in its recent issue, takes up

editorially the matter of the great need of an American consular agent at Bay of Islands. Over a year ago the Times took up this same matter and showed that with the ever increasing importance of the herring fishery and many more fishermen employed under the American flag at that bay every winter, the appointment of a consular agent there was almost a necessity.

As it is now, the nearest American consular agent is 140 miles down the coast, at Port au Basques, and this is the cause often times of much aggravating and at times serious delay, especially when the matter at hand is the quick transportation of a sick or injured fisherman.

In case of the latter kind, nothing can be done until the agent at Port au Basques is communicated with first, and then generally the sick or injured man has to go to the latter place and sometimes spend valuable time before he can continue his journey to this port or the nearest hospital. And this is not saying that all that can be done is not done for the man by the agent at Port au Basques, but simply to show that leaving Port au Basques out of the question all together, a consular agent is actually needed at Bay of Islands.

There is reason to believe that with one of these officials there, considerable friction occurring in years past could have been avoided and that captains who have found themselves before the local courts there would at least have had the assistance of the agency in presenting their side of the cases.

Again when it is figured that from 60 to 80 American fishing craft go there each fall and winter season and that over 1500 men, perhaps, 2000, are on American shipping papers of these crafts, it can be seen that, beyond a doubt, there would be plenty of work for a consular agent there.

The routine work would include the certification of invoices for herring shipped to the United States, the discharging and shipping of all seamen and the adjustment of disputes arising between masters and men, the relief of seamen, certification of notarial services for legal documents, the answering of all questions as regards trade, and aid and assistance to stranded Americans and sick or injured fishermen.

The displaying of the stars and stripes from some little building at Birchy Cove, denoting a United States consular agency within, would be a cheering sight to our skippers and fishermen and would be a grand good thing.

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Corporation Returns.

Gloucester Isinglass and Glue Co., George H. Perkins, treasurer. Capital stock, \$13,600. Assets, real estate \$6300, machinery \$2500, cash and debts receivable \$4425, manufactures and merchandise \$301, profit and loss \$83, total \$16,309; liabilities, capital stock \$13,600, accounts payable \$2709, total \$16,309.

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Good Stock.

Sch. Arthur D. Story Capt. William Sloane, weighed off 38,000 pounds of salt cod and 3500 pounds of halibut as the result of her recent Georges handline trip, stocking \$1672.74, the high line share being \$67.32.

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SCH. INGOMAR'S LARGE STOCK.

Got Over \$6000 on One Mackerel Trip Out South.

OTHERS ALSO FARED WELL.

Only One Netter at New York Today with a Fare.

Everybody was hoping to see some of the seiners in New York this morning with fares of mackerel and there was not a little disappointment, both here and at Fulton Market. A week ago tomorrow was the best mackerel day of the season, 13 vessels landing nearly 200,000 mackerel in count. It may be that Wednesday is to be "the" mackerel day of the week; if so some of the fleet are due to show up tomorrow.

Since last Wednesday the owners here have been receiving the returns on the trips landed that day and on the whole they have been most satisfactory, first on account of the prices paid and second, as showing that the vessels generally had as much and more than they hailed for. There was also a remarkable small number of bursted fish. Large fish brought 30 cents each and mediums 15, 16 and 18 cents, generally the two latter figures. Small mackerel were returned at 9 and 10 cents each.

Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons, one of the fleet in that day, counted out 37,873 fresh mackerel on which the grand stock of \$5992.12 was made. Beside this the Ingomar had a few barrels of salt mackerel which she landed there, thus bringing her stock up to over \$8000. The stock of the Ingomar is the largest ever made in the spring southern mackerel fishery. Beside this the Ingomar landed the first trip of the season at New York, being there April 1 with about 7000 fresh mackerel, on which she stocked over \$1700, so that her stock to date is about \$7700 or better.

Sch. Saladin, Capt. Benj. Spurling, which was also at New York the same day as sch. Ingomar, counted out 18,181 fresh mackerel, stocking \$3128.20.

Sch. Norma, Capt. Benj. McGray, another of the fleet in last Wednesday, counted out 11,262 mackerel, stocking \$1976.94. All three of these crafts are owned by Cunningham & Thompson.

Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, Capt. John A. McKinnon, also in 1 at Wednesday, counted out 16,002 fresh mackerel, stocking \$2300.

Sch. Mabelle E. Leavit, one of the fleet of southern mackerel netters, is at Fulton market New York, this morning with 60 large fresh mackerel.

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TAGGING FISH.

Interesting Work of British Government in North Sea.

Valuable Statistics on the Fisheries Secured in This Way.

Catching fish, measuring and marking them and then returning them to the sea with the chance of retaking them later, similar to the work done by the bureau of fisheries in this country, but in a more thorough manner, is part of the work carried on by the Marine Biological Association of Great Britain.

By means of a steam trawler the fish are caught in the usual way. Each haul is carefully recorded, the fish are counted and measured, and all details of locality, time, number, species, sex, and size are put down, together with accurate observations on the water, the depth and bottom of the sea, the kinds and quantity of food available, etc. These data are subsequently tabulated and chartered.

The method of marking the fish is interesting and has been attended with valuable results. The fish chiefly used during the few years the experiment has been in progress have been plaice, because the proposals which have been made to interfere with the catching of them were based on inadequate knowledge.